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1. PUBLICATION OF ELEFThERI KYPROS EDITOR-IN-CHIEF'S JANUARY 25
INTERVIEW WITH CLARK CLIFFORD WAS MARKED IN ANKARA ONLY BY NEARLY-
IDSNTICAL STATE RADIO EVENING NEWS ITEM JANUARY 29 AND MINOR FRONT-
PAGE STORY IN MODERATE REFORMIST (PRO-GOVERNMENT) MILLIYET
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2. STATE RADIO(TRT) VERSION WAS AS FOLLOWS:

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US PRESIDENT CARTER'S SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE ON CYPRUS,
CLARK CLIFFORD, STATED THAT THE ARMS EMBARGO BEING IMPOSED ON
TURKEY SHOULD BE VIEWED IN THE LIGHT OF
NATO JOINT DEFENSE REQUIREMENTS. IN A STATEMENT TO A GREEK
CYPRIOT NEWSPAPER, CLIFFORD NOTED THAT THE DEFENSE COOPERATION
AGREEMENT(DCA) BETWEEN THE US AND TURKEY IS A PART OF THE
JOINT DEFENSE SYSTEM OF THE REGION. FOR THIS REASON, CLIFFORD SAID,

THE US GOVERNMENT AND THE US CONGRESS WILL UNDERTAKE THE RATIFICATION
OF THE AGREEMENT. ACCORDING TO TRT NICOSIA BUREAU NEWS,
CLIFFORD ADDED THAT THE US ATTACHES GREAT IMPORTANCE TO FRIENDSHIP
WITH TURKEY AND GREECE, AND ITS INTEREST IN THE CYPRUS
ISSUE STEMS FROM THIS. THE AMERICAN AMBASSADOR IN ANKARA,
SPIERS, HAD MADE A SIMILAR STATEMENT FOUR DAYS AGO, SAYING THAT
THE MOST IMPORTANT ISSUE CASTING A SHADOW ON TURK-US RELATIONS IS
THE EMBARGO AND THAT HE HOPED THAT EMBARGO WOULD BE LIFTED THIS
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